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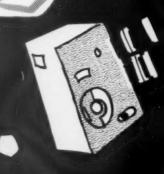
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The two cameras are called the Duo Zoom and the Vari Zoom. The former is the more expensive and boasts automatic exposure control with a special system compensating automatically for against the light filming.

The lens has power zooming with a range of 9-27mm, and a maximum aperture of f/1-8. It is of the variable focus type with a fixed-focus lock if required. Filming speeds of 16 and 48 f.p.s. are



B & H Duo Zoom

provided together with a special "sports feature" position. By depressing the shutter release beyond the normal shooting position a filming speed of 4 f.p.s. is obtained and shooting need not be interrupted.



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The spring motor with manual ratchet winding permits a 15ft. run at full wind. The viewfinder is coupled to the movement of the zoom lens. A colour conversion filter is built-in.

The Vari Zoom is a simplified version with most of the features of the Duo Zoom but fitted with a fixed focus f/1-8 9-27mm. zoom lens and less complex automatic exposure control.

# Live TV Dead

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF Broadcasters has reported that the American television scene is dominated by "canned" productions. Some 90% of programmes are on film, 6% on tape and only 4% are live.

## 60-Sec. Film Processing

DURING THE SUMMER, Associated British Pathe obtained interviews with winners of Continental Grand Prix for inclusion in Dunlop TV commercials on the same evening. By the time the film reached this country, only a few minutes were left for processing.

But no need to worry, ABP used Ilford RX film in special Kelvin & Hughes processing equipment, to produce a finished positive in 60 seconds. Previously Ilford RX reversal and Kelvin & Hughes equipment had been used for recording horse races. Its use for TV commercials shows that 60 second dry-to-dry processing is becoming an increasingly important aid for professional movie makers.

### Stopping a Rocket

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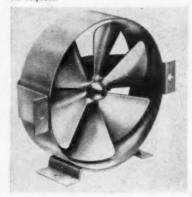
Instead of printing colour negative film directly on to a positive print film, the colour negative original is used to make three black and white separation positives which are then printed on to a special projection film by a "dye-coupling" method. It is claimed that this system is cheaper and also offers far greater quality control for 8 and 16mm. release prints.

# Bolex PI

IN OUR ISSUE of November 9, we mentioned the new Bolex P1 Zoom Reflex. Cinex Ltd. inform us that the P1 has a semi-automatic exposure system; with a cell that automatically moves out of its position behind the lens as filming starts, and jumps back as soon as the motor stops. It is also claimed that films rated at up to 400 ASA can be used at shooting speeds above 12 f.p.s.

# Silver Jubilee

PELLING AND CROSS LTD. of 104 Baker Street, London, W.1, celebrate their 25th Anniversary this year. To mark the occasion a special booklet has been produced outlining the history of the company, with many messages of appreciation from well-known photographic personalities. A copy of the booklet will be sent on request.



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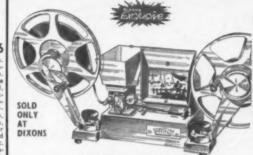


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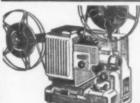
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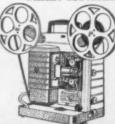
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### Definition and the Variable Shutter

I AM SURPRISED that no fuller mention is made by writers of magazine articles, reviews, and advertising copy of the advantages offered by the variable shutter provided on so few cine cameras.



G. Everett and A. Simpson in the final burst of a mile race. Although clearly distinguishable, limbs still show noticeable blurring at 1/70 sec.

There is one very important facility which never seems to be given much publicity—the provision of faster shutter speeds than the normal 1/35 sec. to render movement more crisply, without having to increase the motor-speed and thus impart an unwanted slow-motion effect.

Before I entered the "amateur cine world", my previous experience in still photography had persuaded me that, to overcome the most common obstacle encountered with small frames and big enlargements, the problem of definition, the most useful assets were a steady camera support and/or a fast shutter speed. Now, the cine worker, who has to tackle precisely this problem of huge enlarge-

ments from a tiny frame, is frequently exhorted to use a reliable camera support, but he hears little about, and has not much opportunity for trying the effects of, a fast shutter speed. Ideally I suppose, each frame in a strip of cine film should be a sharply defined picture on its own; and, as slow-motion shots (giving faster shutter speeds) seem to testify, overall sharpness can be enhanced by a briefer exposure. In fact, as any 35mm. still photographer will admit, there is no certainty of obtaining a sharp picture with a shutter speed under 1/50 sec.

Most cine camera owners presumably buy their cameras in order to shoot moving objects; and anything moving faster than a moderate walking pace is likely to show blurring at shutter-speeds below about 1/100 sec.

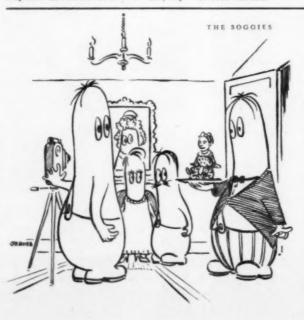
Perhaps my enthusiasm for faster shutter-speeds has a rather specialised origin, since it arises initially from an interest in filming the fast action of the rugby field, the tennis court, and the athletics arena. Nevertheless, remembering the emphasis on movement in cine work, any serious film-maker might find an overall improvement in quality through more general application of the variable shutter, just as I have found in the particular case of sports sequences, where my own sharply defined figures (shot at 1/70th sec. or faster) contrast favourably with other amateur sports sequences I have seen, showing Chaplinesque athletes whizzing along with invisible arms and legs.

It seems disappointingly unimaginative, then, for manufacturers to omit variable shutters from otherwise ambitious models. I should welcome correction if I am in fact wrong in thinking that the variable shutter is not a very complicated — and therefore expensive item to incorporate in most cine-cameras. I can see that problems would arise in the popular coupled-exposure-meter type of camera, but such difficulties surely need not be insurmountable, and have obviously been overcome in at least one model on the present market.

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Although it is admitted that a fast shutter speed does give a sharper image, its disadvantage in cine is that It also tends to make the movement appear jerky — more like a series of still pictures than smoothly flowing motion.

In certain circumstances, such as training films for athletes, this jerkiness is a lesser evil than unsharpness and so a fast shutter speed is used. But most filmers are primarily concerned with producing a natural effect and are willing to sacrifice unnecessary sharpness to achieve this—the blur is essential to achieving smooth motion.



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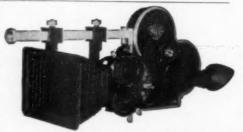
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# GIVE ME THE SCISSORS

Which phase of film making gives you the biggest thrill? Many movie makers say it's the moment when a new spool has just come back from the labs and they switch on the projector to view it for the very first time. I'm afraid that part of it doesn't appeal to me at all. Looking at rushes - especially when I shot the stuff myself - merely gives me an empty feeling in the midriff, like waiting to see the dentist.

If the exposures are O.K., I experience a certain feeling of relief, of course. But whatever the material is like, I can hardly wait to get at it with the scissors.

For me the time of bliss begins when I make my first successful cut - particularly a cut on action where one frame either way can make all the difference. There is a kind of sensuous pleasure in this that is completely absorbing. The film that limped and wheezed its way through the projector on the first run through now starts to leap and sing.

If a transition that was planned in the script works out well on the cutting bench, that is a cause for quiet satisfaction but the keenest joy is to discover an unexpected kinship between two seemingly quite unrelated shots. This happened to me the other day when I was editing last summer's holiday film. The problem was to get out of a fishing sequence and into a market sequence without resorting to the tired old device of a fade which always seems to me like an admission of defeat.

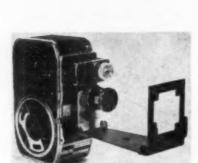
Suddenly I lit on a closeup of an octopus in the bottom of the boat that matched up perfectly with a closeup of a heap of aubergines on a market stall. Both had exactly the same gleaming, bulbous quality which may be a part of Nature's inscrutable plan to assist film editors or just a delightful coincidence. In any case, I blessed them for being so similar. They had made my day.

Tony Rose

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Fourteen shopping days to Christmas and the present problem is becoming urgent, but if you're buying for movie makers there is no need to fret. Here is a ready-made shopping list to suit all tastes and budgets. It includes nearly a hundred items, ranging from a useful blower brush at 4s. 6d. to a complete projector for just under £20.

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popular Ten Best winners of past years, including Watch the Birdie, The Battle of Wangapore, Coming Shortly and Short Spell. Prices start at £1 2s. 6d. Finally, a treat for people who enjoyed the book, is Elsa the Lioness, available in several versions from Peak Films. The shortest costs £1 4s.

Fountain Well produced and well Moviebooks illustrated series on various aspects of movie making by authors who know how to pack in the information. Titles include: Choosing and Using a Cine Camera and Choosing and Using a Cine Projector both by Edwyn Gilmour, Filming in Colour by Derek Townsend, Cine Titling by John Daborn and Exposing Cine Film by Brian Gibson. Price: 88. 6d. each. Library editions: 10s. 6d.

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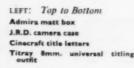




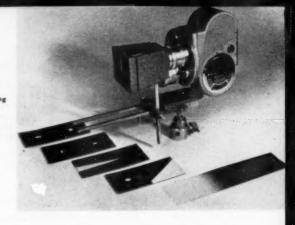








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## BY TOM HALL

"Well", I thought, "even I shouldn't come unstuck on this one! It's—literally—kid stuff!" In short, I'd been asked to film the Christmas Party at a Children's Home and, judging by the details which the Matron had given me, it looked like being a lot of fum.

The day before the event saw me fully occupied. A simple assignment it might be — but there'd be nothing slap-dash about my handling of it!

I'd surveyed the general set-up and selected my main camera positions so as to be as unobtrusive as possible. Extra care at this stage would pay dividends next day, when the quality of my shots would be in direct ratio to my ability to keep out of the way. Circuits had been checked to guard against overloading the fuses, photofloods installed at strategic points, and meter readings taken over the whole area in which the action would take place.

I'd made notes of the apertures necessary in various parts of the hall, and — more important — of those places in which it would not be possible to shoot. A microphone concealed among the lower branches of the Christmas Tree would provide some authentic sound for dubbing into the track and — best of all — I'd shot a good opening.

The main title faded in and out superimposed on an establishing shot of the Home, which then dissolved to a montage giving the impression of preparing for the party while the children slept.

Hands, hands, and more hands! I like hands! Hands busy in the kitchen; hands fixing decorations; hands wrapping presents; hands expressing weariness; a hand wearing a wrist-watch showing the lateness of the hour; a small hand clutching a battered old doll — then a slow tilt up to show the sleeping child's face and a lingering fade out. My first shot in the



morning would fade in on the bell being rung to awaken the children, and I made a note to allow for the bell being heard for three seconds with the screen still in darkness.

Up at crack of dawn and off to the Home. After the bell shot I'd shoot the children waking, washing, dressing—and the mounting excitement over breakfast. It would then be a case of 'off-the-cuff' until the closing sequence, which was to feature the staff clearing up the debris after the children had gone to bed.

"This is the ten to twelve-year-old girls' dormitory", the Matron announced, opening a door. "Good morning, girls. This gentle..."

"Wot's 'e doin' in 'ere?" A sullenlooking little brunette drew the bedclothes up to her chin with one hand and stabbed an accusing finger in my direction with the other. "G'wan! Git aht of it!"

"Hush, Emily!" the outraged Matron cried. "This gentleman is a friend of mine..." "I don't care 'oo 'e is!" retorted Emily.

"Emily! Be quiet! Now listen, all of you — Mr. Hall is making a film (a chorus of 'Oooooo's' greeted this statement) and in this scene he wants to show you waking up and getting ready for breakfast. Listen carefully and he'll tell you what he wants you to do".

"Is it going' ter be a proper fillum, Mister?"

"Will it be a friller?"

"Can I be in it?"

"And me!"

"Me! Me! Me me me me! Perleeeese, Mister!"

When at last I could make myself heard I told them that I wanted them all to take part. "All you have to do". I said, "is pretend to be asleep; then, as Matron calls your name, you pretend to wake up. Do it nice and slowly, just as though you were really waking up—and don't pay any attention to me. Just listen to Matron and try to do exactly as she tells you".

Matron had been enlisted as Assistant Director. Stationed out of frame she would divert attention from the camera and relay the instructions which I hoped would obtain for me the desired results. I certainly didn't want the girls to wake, yawn, stretch, rise and proceed to the bathroom in perfect unison!

Matron explained how she would call them and we briefed the yawners, the stretchers, the yawn-and-stretchers and, for good measure, a couple of

'wake-like-a-birders'.

"Right", I said, "you all know what I want. Can you do it for me? Please?"

"I ain't doin' it! I ain't gonna do nuthin'!" It was Emily again

Matron was livid. "Emily!" she gritted, "you will do exactly as you are told! No nonsense!"

"I won't, I tell yer! I ain't gettin' out o' bed with 'im in 'ere!"

"Ah, come on, Em", a twelve-yearold red-head persuaded, "get up an' stretch like yer always do. It'll make a real smashin' pitcher — real glamorous. Come on, Em!"

"Yes! Come on, Em", — the others took up the cry amid much giggling, —'op out an' 'ave yer pitcher took!"

"Silence, girls!" The Matron was by now completely exasperated. "And you, Emily,— I shall stand no more of your ill-mannered nonsense! Get out of bed this very instant and come here to apologise! Quickly now!"

"I won't I won't, I tell yer!" Emily's voice rose to a shriek, then tears choked her. "I c-c-can't. Th-th-they've p-pinched me n-n-n-nightie an' I'm all b-b-b-bare!"

### A Star is Born

There was nothing for it but to choose a new camera position which would exclude the unfortunate Emily. A pity, because the original angle had been much better. Still, I'd got some shots which shouldn't be too bad. If I took a few CU's and MCU's and cut them in at the editing stage it would make a considerable improvement.

I chose the red-headed girl — she appeared to be the least self-conscious.

"Now, my dear", I said, switching on a friendly smile, "I'd like a rather special shot of you. D'you think you could do a little bit of acting for me?"

She assured me that she could. What she actually said was, "Sure! Just tell me wot yer want an' I'll make with the emoshun like nobody's bizness!"

I explained that emotion would not be necessary; — that all I wanted was for her to go through the waking routine again; — wake, yawn, stretch lazily and begin to get out of bed. "Let's try it without the camera first", I suggested. "Now, — pretend to be asleep. Good! When I say 'Action' you can start to wake up".

"Action," I called, — softly, in order to maintain the languid mood.

A slow stirring; — a beautifully-



"See anyfink yet Johnny?" There was the H8...and two small boys ankle deep in Kodachrome II.

simulated yawn; — a really feline stretch — the child was a born actress!

"Stop! Stop it at once, I say! You horrid girl!" Matron came near to having hysterics as my 'star' put on a performance which, in an older girl, would have made Bardot look like Mary Pickford! To me, she added in frigid tones, "I think perhaps we should go to see the younger boys now".

In the comparative safety of the boys' quarters, apart from getting in the way of a badly-aimed (or was it well-aimed?) wet sponge, things proceeded fairly smoothly.

To my relief, the breakfast scene went off without a single mishap. Both Emily and Matron had recovered their composure by this time and it was quite a happy meal. Shooting from my pre-selected vantage points I built up a delightful sequence. "Thank goodness that's over!" I thought. "The party itself will be easy".

My small success, together with an excellent lunch and a couple of drinks with the staff, had restored me to normal and I hardly batted an eyelid as the yelling mob erupted into the hall, "So much for the stampede", I mused, rewinding the camera. "Now they're going to play games". Matron, unnaturally frivolous in a comic hat, was briefing her staff and assembling the children, seniors at one end of the hall, juniors at the other.

The smaller one would undoubtedly provide the better shots, so, while three pretty nurses organised the toddlers for a miming game, I slipped

quietly into position.

"This is great!" I congratulated myself as I recorded a series of baby expressions.

## Attention, Attention, Shut-up

My first impulse, as I approached the other end of the hall, was to go to the rescue of the staff, who seemed in imminent danger of being torn apart by the howling mob. Closer inspection, however, showed the brawl to be merely the local version of "Musical Chairs", so I set up the Bolex and ran off some footage. Hardly the sort of stuff I'd expected—but at least I was getting something!

The melee was beginning to assume terrifying proportions when, like a town-crier, Matron strode into the centre of the floor ringing a hand-bell. "Attention, children! Attention please!" she yelled. "Attention everyone! — Atten... Will you shut up!" The noise eased down to a muffled roar and she continued. "Father Christmas will be here in just one minute. When he comes in I want everybody to give him a great big cheer. Come along now, — get ready.

I missed the shot of his actual entrance, but got over this difficulty by switching on the tape recorder to catch the sound, shooting the cheering throng, and panning to where he stood acknowledging his ovation. Now for the distribution of the presents,—there'd be some good shots here! And sound!

With jovial dignity Father Christmas seated himself beside the Christmas Tree and a freckle-faced lad of about eight immediately began to

weep, snuffling and wiping his snub nose on the sleeve of his jersey.

"What's the matter, my little man?" enquired the red-robed figure in kindly tones. "You mustn't cry. I am the patron saint of little children and my job is to make sure that every little girl and boy is happy".

"Then w-why are yer s-s-sitting' on me c-cream c-cake?!" demanded the voungster through his sobs.

The cake was retrieved and the present-giving proceeded. All went merrily for a while. I'd shot more than sufficient material on this phase, but when a little angel in a pretty pink dress came forward and stopped three feet away from Father Christmas I was unable to resist just one more

She stood there demurely, hand outstretched.

"My, - you are a pretty little girl!" Father Christmas was doing a fine job. "Come and give me a big kiss and we'll see what I've got for you".

The child shook her head in a firm negative and refused to move. She simply stood there with her hand out, slowly growing red in the face.

"Come, my little sweetheart". - the small hand was clasped in a larger one and, despite her resistance, the child was drawn gently forward. "There! That's a good girl! Now, let me. . . . Oh, damn!"

"I'm thorry! I'm thorry! I'm alwayth thick when I'm ekthited!" In a flurry of pink, and with a wail of anguish, the culprit left the scene of disaster.

## Father Christmas Speaks

"I say, - I say, old chap, -" I suddenly realised that Father Christmas was addressing me, "can vou take some of this stuff for me, - just while I go and sponge up".

I'd finished shooting for the present. - and he was in need of a clean-up! Leaving the camera on its tripod I came round the tree and took up my position beside the pile of gifts.

"A lovely dolly for you. There you are! A nice red engine for you. Good boy! Now, here's a beautiful big box. I wonder what's in it, . . .?" It was easy, once you got into the swing of it. Rather pleasant, in fact, and quite rewarding when you saw the happy voung faces.

"See anyfink yet, Johnny? Can yer?"

"Nah!"

The hoarse whispers from somewhere behind me had a disturbing effect, but I carried on. "Now, my boy, - tell me your name and I'll see what I can. . . .

"'Ere, let me 'ave a look! Give us it 'ere!"

"'Ang on a min. . . . Cor! Nah look wot yer've done!"

It was too much for me. I spun over for a few minutes? Dish out , round. There, behind the Christmas Tree, was the H8 with its door open and two small boys ankle-deep in coils of Kodachrome!

> "I reckon they sold yer some dud fillum, Mister", said one of the urchins, unabashed, "there ain't no pickshers on it".

> Children's parties? Me, - I'm looking for a nice quiet job as a newsreel war correspondent!



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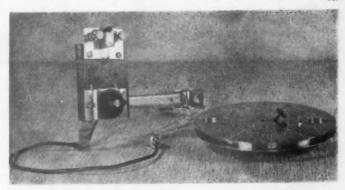


Fig. 1 The head unit and flywheel.

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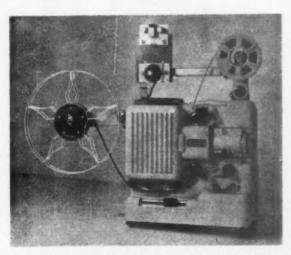


Fig. 2 The head unit clamped in place, and the film threaded up.

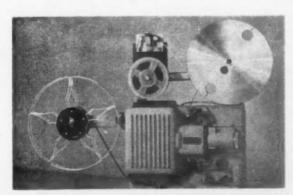


Fig. 3 The flywheel locked into place in front of the film supply spool.

The new sound attachment for 8mm. has been devised by Tutchings Electronics Ltd. Its keynote is absolute simplicity; nevertheless, it works excellently within its admittedly rather limited field. It also has the merit of low cost, for the total initial outlay should be less than £10, and sound may then be added for as little as 5s. per film.

The apparatus, and the method of operation, can be seen in the accompanying photographs. Fig. 1 shows the essential items, which are easily attached to almost any 8mm. projector. On the left is the principal assembly, which consists of a tape supply reel spindle and a record/playback head with two tape guides and a presser pad. These are all mounted on a bakelite base to which is attached a metal arm, fastened to the projector's supply reel arm by a small G clamp.

The components of this unit have long been available as kit parts from the same firm, and many readers will recognise, or perhaps even possess them. The other item shown in Fig. 1 is a 1lb. flywheel-cum-take up spool, 5\(\frac{1}{2}\)in. in diameter, having a \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. \(\times\) \(\frac{1}{2}\)in. groove round its rim.

The head has, of course, to be connected to suitable amplifiers, and a special record/play unit, complete with built-in miniature speaker, and provision for feeding a radio set, will soon be available. A different type of unit can also be made from kit parts, or alternatively a Gramdeck preamplifier will do very well. Either of the latter can be used with a radio set for reproduction, but this is not required for recording.

In order to record or playback, the head assembly is clamped to the projector, and the film threaded up in the usual way (Fig. 2). The film must lead from the back of the reel. The next stage (Fig. 3) is to attach the flywheel, which is done by sliding it on to the same spindle as the full reel of film, and fixing it in place by means of the angled locking screw. Finally (Fig. 4) a 3in. spool of tape is placed on the appropriate spindle, threaded over the head, and attached to a slot in the underside of the flywheel. (Fig. 5.)

If the full tape reel shows a tendency to slide off its spindle, a small retainer can be made up out of a paper clip, but I did not find this necessary.

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At the end of the reel, the tape can be rewound on the projector, or on a rewind board, leaving the flywheel empty and ready for the next tape. It might be a good idea to invest in two flywheels (they will cost about 30s. each) so that the tape can be rewound after the next reel has been started, thus

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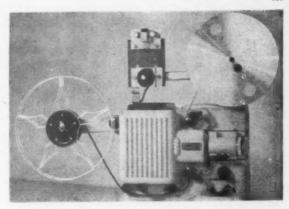
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avoiding undue delay between reels.

Provided the film is wound tightly on the spool so that it cannot slip, synchronisation is excellent-at least as good as can be obtained, by using a loop synchroniser and non-perforated tape. Naturally, some provision has to be made for starting in sync. and the manufacturers suggest that the projector should be threaded so that the join between the leader and the film comes at the top sprocket. The tape too, can be fitted with a leader, and the join placed opposite one of the tape guides. So long as a standard method of threading such as this is always fol-. lowed, sync. will be more than good enough for a "tight" commentary, that is to say, one which must keep pretty exactly in step with the picture. It is best not to attempt lip-sync., though!

No-one could pretend that this system of adding sound leaves nothing to be desired, or that it is adequate to the needs of every film maker. On the debit side, the manufacturers admit that music cannot be satisfactorily reproduced, and the maximum running time for sound is eight minutes, using 100ft. of film, and 300ft. of Double Play tape. (With 50ft. of film, as in the photographs, 150ft. of ordinary tape can be

Another slight disadvantage which



Fig. 5 The method of attaching the end of the tape to the flywheel. The end of the tape leader should be rolled into a cylinder and stuck down with sellotape. The end will then anchor firmly in the slot.

may have occurred to you is that without elaborate respooling only one track of the tape could normally be used, since the reels cannot be transposed in the usual way. But the experimentally minded could solve this problem easily by adding another head to cope with the second track. The two tracks could then be used singly, for tape economy, or simultaneously, for the combination of speech and effects. The two heads would be connected in parallel to the same pre-amplifier in the latter case.

The fact that no provision is made for erasure is of course a disadvantage, but is less of a nuisance than might appear. A small horseshoe magnet can be used-or the tape can be erased on a proper recorder.

On the credit side, the system has a number of advantages which are worth stressing. First, the extremely low price. especially if you already possess the head and a suitable pre-amplifier. Second, trouble free sync., and good, crisp reproduction. Third, extreme simplicity and portability. A further advantage is that, although easily removable, the sound reproducing gear is fixed to the projector. The whole lot can therefore be moved about the room as one unit, whereas with a separate recorder and synchroniser a shift in projector position means that all the sound apparatus has to be carefully realigned.

Although the system has acknowledged limitations, there will probably be many people for whose needs it will cater. The necessary parts are available individually or together from Tutchings Electronics Ltd., 14 Rook Hill Road, Friars Cliff, Christchurch, Hants., from whom further particulars may be

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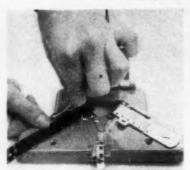
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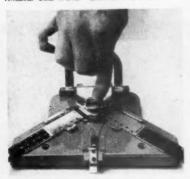
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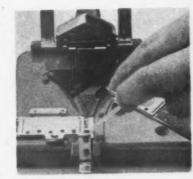
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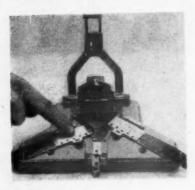
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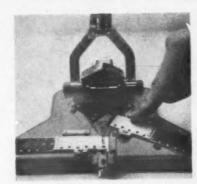
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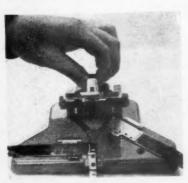
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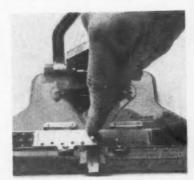
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Push down the presser plate. It is spring loaded and will give the right amount of pressure on the splice.



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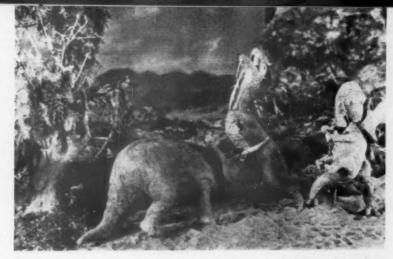
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BY DOUBLE RUN

I'VE BEEN looking at the 1925 version of The Lost World, starring Bessie Love and Wallace Beery. You can hire a 5 reel 8mm. copy from Wallace Heaton. The first reel and a half are largely taken up with conversation: "What is your occupation?" demands Professor Challenger (Wallace Beery) The young man glances furtively around the crowded hall with the eager pained expression so fashionable in some silent films, and admits "I am a reporter". Similarly when Challenger and the reporter go tumbling head over heels down some steps, the manservant follows them with his hands held up in pained dismay. This all seems rather ludicrous, but it is noticeably better at 24 than at 16 f.p.s.

When they reach the Brazilian jungle, the film really begins to move, and we don't waste time on the journey there. We fade out on a shot of Bessie Love, as Paula White, clasping her dead father's diary and gazing sorrowfully upwards, then a news-



The monsters in The Lost World were animated models, and often looked as such. But many of the sequences are amazingly realistic and compare well with the efforts of 1961 science fiction epics.

# THE LOST WORLD

paper headline about the expedition takes us straight to the jungle.

There are some pleasing shots of animals (a giant sloth hanging upside down and bears playing, among them) but the ape men and Indians of the original are cut down to a single ape man. The prehistoric animals look rather like the plasticine models of Mr. F. A. O'Neill and, at first, give little impression of size. But there are effective shots later on in which the huge monsters and tiny humans are seen together. What surprised me most was the lack of build-up when the animals were first introduced. There they were

— and that was that, In the book, your interest grows as the explorers come nearer to them, and surely the same technique could have been used in the film. Monsters hinted at are nearly always more impressive than monsters shown.

# A Brontosaurus came to London

There were effective shots of a forest fire with flaming trees, fleeing monsters and boiling mud, before the explorers lowered themselves to safety down a rope - on the other end of which the ape man was trying to pull them back. Not really a very credible situation, and certainly not Conan Doyle's. A man in an ape skin, and the general air of unreality was not helped by the fact that an obviously white actor was covered in black to play the part of a negro. This seemed to happen quite often in the silent days and I don't see how they ever thought they could get away with it. The best trick work in the film comes right at the end when a live Brontosaurus escapes and careers down the streets of London. Tower Bridge collapses in the middle, causing the monster to fall into the river. This is very well handled, but you have to wait rather a long time for it. Characterisation was largely lost sight of once the party



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# Movie Miscellany

BY IVAN WATSON

## a PROTEST from the SUN-CLUBS

IN THE NOVEMBER issue of a well-known health journal, the Federation of British Sun Clubs has issued an open letter of protest to the British Board of Film Censors. The letter complains that the nudist films shown in London and other large cities have little resemblance in either action or characterisation to the activities of "the true naturist or nudist movement".

More specifically, the Federation objects to "the wide use of models whose excessive physical features render them untypical" and to "the excessive photographic emphasis on the nude female body in particular".

The writers do not accept the necessity of using professional actors. They point out that an amateur film—Travelling Light, made by Michael Keatering is "the kind of wholesome representation of modern naturism which the Federation would fully recommend and support". Mr. Keatering is, I gather, himself a well-known naturist—as are members of the cast of Travelling Light.

I haven't seen the film and, for all I know, it may be a very good one. But, on this issue, my sympathies are with the British Board of Film Censors. It isn't the Board's job to ensure that a commercial film bears any relation to actuality. Since when have the curvaceous blondes, blendes and brunettes we normally see on the cinema-screen been typical of the girl next door?

I've no particular feelings about naturists. If they want to take their clothes off and romp in the sun, it's their business. But to make an honest, intelligent and factually accurate film about them—that's different and I'd feel sorry for any director, amateur or professional, who had to tackle the job.

Imagine all the people you see in the 'bus, the train, or restaurant—no, perhaps you'd better not! They may be bow-fronted, knock-kneed, concave or convex in the oddest places but, with their clothes on, most of them have a



certain dignity. I prefer not to envisage them as Children of the Sun, disporting themselves in a naturist film—however well-intentioned. The truth is most of us just aren't built for that sort of thing. Unless the average naturist is much better equipped than ordinary mortals, he shouldn't be surprised when the professional peep-show producers use mercifully untypical models for their sad little sagas of life-in-the-raw.

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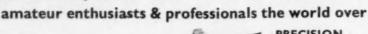
#### Filter-Tip

THOSE of us who occasionally like to work outdoors with monochrome usually regard a medium vellow filter as an essential accessory: by absorbing some of the excess blue light from the sky. it makes the sky darker and emphasises the clouds. With a filter factor of 2, you are supposed to give twice as much exposure—one full stop more—but I have found from experience that it's always better to lean slightly in the direction of underexposure than overexposure. Otherwise you overcompensate and you're back where you started. with the clouds washed out. With a medium yellow filter I open up only half a stop.

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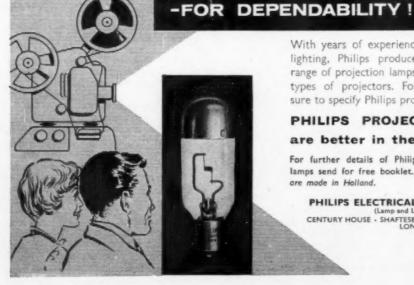
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#### A MOVIE MAKER AT THE CINEMA .

By ALEC GITTINGS

Director John Cassavetes seems to produce better work when he lets the actors make it all up as they go along.

REMEMBER Shadows, the film which thrust the responsibility for dialogue, action and even plot development on to the actors instead of the scriptwriter? John Cassavetes, director of that extraordinary production, has now made his first feature within the industry. (Shadows was made on a semi-

amateur basis.) Unlike the earlier film, Too Late Blues has a script, though individual scenes are sometimes improvised. And it is the improvised material which succeeds.

The plot concerns a jazz musician (played with startling effectiveness by the hitherto off-putting Bobby Darin) who meets a young singer (Stella Stevens, last seen as Apassionata von Climax in Li'l Abner) and falls in love with her. At a crucial moment in their relationship he feels so ashamed of the physical cowardice that he has shown before her that he rejects her, and spends a wretched period as a gigolo and hack musician. Eventually they are re-united, and he returns to his original band.

#### Unconvincing

The development frequently fails to convince. We first boggle when the musician firmly turns down the spectacularly attractive singer's invitation into bed. And once past the half-way mark the demands on our credulity increase rapidly. One character after another who has so far been happily casual and extroverted becomes introspective, intense, or articulately fearful for his integrity. Is it too fanciful to see a reflection of Cassavetes's own anxiety about the possibility of selling out to a commercial company in his hero's dilemma? And could this personal element be the explanation of the much less successful treatment of these sequences than of the scenes where little or nothing is going on?

Even the approach is different. The earlier scenes, such as a crowded party reminiscent of the literary party in Shadows, a ball game in a park which

Cassuvetes (right) reheerses a scene for Too Late Blues with Bobby Darin and Stella Stevens.

# SNARED BY A SCRIPT

the musicians join, and a memorable scene where the hero mixes his girl a drink at a bar counter, are naturally and agreeably untidy, with the camera nosing in like a friendly eavesdropper. But the soul-searching is far more formal, conducted in stiff, static duologues in a single set.

#### Realistic Fight and Sympathy

Yet Cassavetes can bring off genuinely dramatic scenes. An encounter around a pool table which gradually becomes thick with menace is one of the most tense, unnerving build-ups to a fight which I can remember; and the fight itself, all clumsy hugs and fumblings, is a splendidly realistic piece of work. Yet even this is surpassed by the ferocious emotional climax which follows as the musician and girl savagely rip their understanding to shreds.

Cassavetes's main gift is a psychological comprehension and sympathy. He can present a portrait of a man which tells more in the first few seconds we see him than we know about most film characters after ninety minutes. Take the tiny part of a sound recording engineer. From the moment we see him we see a man quivering under stress, concerned only to keep some semblance

of calm in his outward appearance. Later we see why. He works for a studio manager who accepts a second playthrough of a tune as being a totally different number.

But where Shadows was sympathetic towards virtually all its characters, and treated them in shades of grey, Too Late Blues deals principally in blacks and whites. Every acceptance and every rejection is sudden and total. The villains, especially a vicious little agent, are unbelievably dastardly.

#### Hand Held Camera

Cassavetes has kept some of his more unorthodox techniques. I seem to remember reading somewhere of his struggle to talk his cameraman, Lionel Lindon, into taking the camera off the tripod and using it handheld for casual group scenes. And he often opens a new sequence on a facial close-up rather than the conventional establishing long-shot.

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through a basin plug-hole! It's as preposterous as it sounds, a foolish shot which should have been discarded in editing and never mentioned again.

The final scene offers a sad example of an idea which must have looked good on paper working out hopelessly wrong on the screen. The musician tries to rejoin his band, who angrily tell him to clear off. But when they begin their next number the girl singer switches to the blues that he composed, and one by one the rest of the band literally change their tune.

Life isn't like that; and it seems extraordinary that Cassavete, who can so vividly show us what life is like, should get snared in this kind of theoretical climax.

There are supposed to be exceptions to every rule, and Cassavetes seems to be the one exception to the rule about the necessity for a script. His paper work (he wrote the script of *Too Late Blues* with Ricard Carr) constantly lets him down; but his spur of the moment material is still exceptional enough to make his film worth a visit.

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# shapes and short cuts in ANIMATION

PART 1

by David Fulton

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Because every object and movement seen in a drawn film must be created before it can be photographed, methods are needed to reduce the work involved. It is, however, a common idea that if a cartoon character is seen to scratch his head for five seconds than the scene must have been drawn and painted 80 times (at 16 f.p.s.). If this were so Emile Cohl would have been the first and last film cartoonist.

In fact, the character and background in this case need be drawn only onceminus the arm that's doing the scratching. This might be drawn not more than six times—in six positions moving to the right and using the same six in reverse order for the movement to the left. Alternatively, his scratching-arm could be drawn on stiff paper, cut out, and filmed in the six positions.



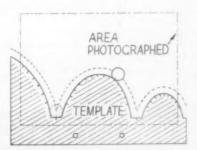
"Be Oi cut out for this job Oi wonder?" Charlie Cutout is not as simple as he looks: this type of animation has some headscratchers of its own, mainly in its lack of flexibility, tendency to jerkiness and difficulty in maintaining accurate registration of components from frame to frame.

Cels v. Cut-Outs

Registration when using cels (celluloid sheets) is relatively easy. Maintaining proportion is not so easy. The merits of cut-out and cel techniques can be compared in the case of the bouncing rubber ball in figs 2 and 3. If the action takes three seconds we have (again at 16 f.p.s.) 48 frames in which to do the bouncing.

Whether cels or cut-outs are used a glass pressure plate is hinged down to keep the drawings flat during exposure. Frequently a cut-out will be accidentally moved as the pressure plate is raised. Therefore a careful check must be kept on the last position filmed throughout the shot. A cut-out is a tricky object to manipulate and a pair of tweezers will be needed if it is not to deteriorate both in colour and outline as the shot progresses!

When using cels to animate the ballor any other more or less constant shape -prepare a tracing guide. This is simply a strip of paper or cel, of sufficient length to manipulate easily, on which the ball is drawn, together with a small cross at its centre. Remember to number the cels consecutively as you progress. On completion of a sequence it only remains to fill in the shapes with poster paint on the reverse side and film the cels in the numbered order.



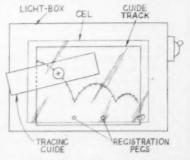
Cut-ous animation. To avoid filming the guide track as well as the ball a card template has been made, along the edge of which the movement per frame is marked. The guide is removed for each exposure.



Tracing a cycle of legs from paper to cel. The animator works at a light-box fitted with registration pegs on which a number of drawings can be placed and viewed in their exact relative positions.



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Animation on celluloid. Over the pegs of the light-box place the guide track, tracing guide and blank cel or animation paper. Position the tracing guide so that the centre of the ball coincides with the numbered divisions on the track and trace the circles in indian ink

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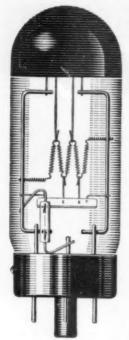
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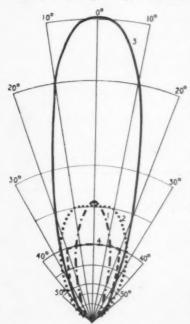
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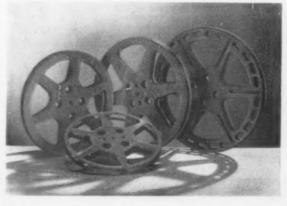
1960). The 1000ft, capacity is an additional size, while the 800ft, spool is slightly different from the British Standard specification dimensions: the core diameter is kept to the same large size (4\(\frac{1}{6}\)in.) as on the bigger spools—in our view by no means a bad thing though it means a slight increase in outside diameter and weight of the spool.

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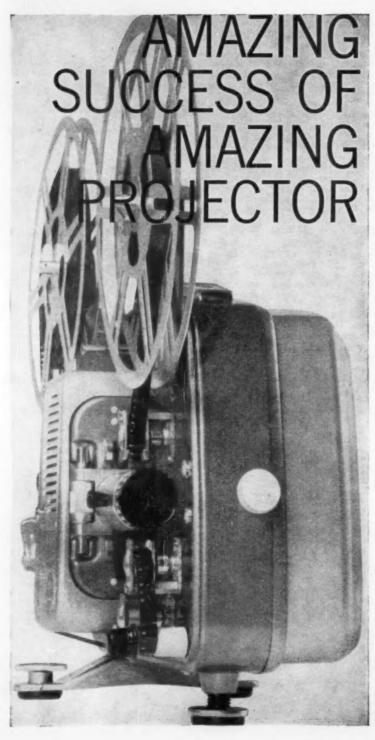
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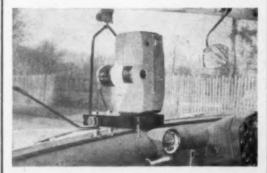
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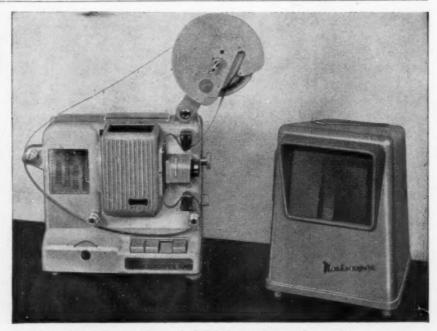
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➡ HILLINGTON'S Rolls Royce Cine Club in Scotland has a documentary idea which may appeal to other works groups. Recently re-formed, with the emphasis switched from 9.5mm. to 8mm., they plan a film about the activities of other clubs associated with their works welfare association.

The idea, of course, is not new. No idea is. What can be new is the treatment used, and this is where Hillington have the chance to achieve the unusual by making a film of interest outside the world of those concerned. If the activities of their clubs are a little more original and wider in their scope than most, then this film could serve as a useful example to other welfare associations.

- An astonishing remark by CHRIST-CHURCH, N.Z.: "This year we have not been able to cope with all the films presented for screening on members' film evenings." To aid saddened secretaries elsewhere, perhaps Christchurch will send in the formula?
- Our beginners," say JOHANNESBURG, gave a terrific response to a call to bring their own films at beginners' special evenings. Had we not been asked to leave or else be shut in the building all night we might still have been loading up the projector in the early hours of the morning. Not only do the producers present good technical effects but they also had stories built into their efforts. If our beginners keep up the good work some of our older members who are at present polishing trophies once a week will be without that chore very shortly unless they look to their laurels." Jo'burg are at present preparing for what's billed as "The Biggest Film of the Year Show ever to be held": the dates, February 14 and 16.
- LONDON'S City Literary Institute have increased the range of their "Filming for Pleasure" courses. Until now they have been limited to the Institute building itself, but to cope with the demand, they're being duplicated at the Stanhope Institute, Queen's Square, Holborn, from 6.30-8.30 on Mondays.
- Lament by many local bulletin editors is the lack of material. FORT WORTH, Texas, Club has no problem. Nearly half of each

month's issue is a moviemakers' list of local events with bright suggestions for new angles on coverage. Not only does this provide a useful general publicity service, but it catches the imagination of the man with a loaded camera but a lack of ideas of his own.

- POTTERS BAR Society's "Six Best of 1961", judged by neighbouring FINCHLEY, produced a record entry of seventeen films, which Finchley say were "all of a high standard". Top points scorer was R. Thompson's Winter Wonderland, which took the awards for editing and colour.
- WHAT COULD be the year's most stimulating idea—or alternatively the kiss of death—comes from South Africa's PRETORIA Club. Their "Pixit" bulletin proposes running a "rating table" of all films shown "unless specifically asked not to do so by a member". Audience judging gives points for Photography, Production, Presentation, Storytelling, Entertainment or Educational value, and Exceptional value.

Is this a good idea for raising standards? Might it not be a severe case of swings and roundabouts—the experts being spurred to greater efforts, but the beginners hiding their cameras in the attic?

News Briefs

- The SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION OF AMATEUR CINEMATOGRAPHERS report six 8mm. films in their annual competition—compared with last year's complete absence of this gauge.
- DURBAN Cine Eight Club are battling out the heats of their "My Best 50 Foot Film" competition. First heat was in October; this month brings heat two.
- PINNER sing the praises of Miss Kitt, member competing in their "Exercise Movie." So intense is her enthusiasm that to stage a plot about recovering an object caught in a tree she enlisted the aid of the Thames Conservancy Board, cranes, and even divers!

For easy reference to clubs mentioned in this week's Newsreel, secretaries' addresses are listed below:—

HILLINGTON (Rolls Royce): M. J. Lilly, 259 Linthaugh Rd., Glasgow, S.W.3.

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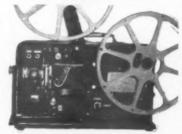
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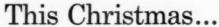
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